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ROCKINGHAM, N. C., THURSDAY Afternoon, JANUARY 16, 1919.

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## Richmond County Soldiers

The casualty list Wednesday contained the name of Henry McRea, of Ellerbe, as having died of disease in the forces overseas.

Medical Officer (examining Jim McKenzie at camp)---Have you any organic trouble? Jim---"No, sir. I ain't a bit musical."

Sam McIntosh was released from Camp Jackson Dec. 1st, and is again at his old job with the Express company at Greenwood, S. C.

The announcement was made from the war department Monday that Sam Gibson was among those released by the Germans, he having been a prisoner.

Lt. G. G. Simpson arrived here Monday from Camp Wadsworth, from which camp he has been honorably discharged. His friends trust he will make his home here.

James Covington, writing from over yonder, says that those who speak of their sons and brothers coming through the war "without a scratch" forget about the cooties.

Sgt. H. T. Prosser has received his honorable discharge from Camp Hancock. He was sent to camp July 22nd. For the six weeks previous to his discharge he was at an officers' training school.

Hal Ledbetter came home Tuesday from the Naval Training Station at Charleston, and is now enjoying the creases of civilian clothes again, having received his honorable discharge from the service.

Lt. (Dr.) William Moncure is in charge of surgical work in the government general hospital at West Baden, Indiana. The government has taken over the famous West Baden Springs hotel for the treatment of wounded soldiers; this is one of the largest hotels in the world.

Our boys over yonder are known as "Yanks," though the word "Sammees" was saddled upon them at first. The English like the word because it was the term applied to them in pre-Revolutionary days by the Northern Indian tribes---"Yengeese"---an attempt on their part to pronounce "English."

Hunter McQ. Fowlkes has received his release from Camp Taylor, and came home Monday for a visit. Effective Feb. 18th he will act as an instructor at Bingham's School, Asheville, and as athletic coach. He will go to Raleigh Monday and assist the State Chemist until the middle of February.

It was reported in the daily papers that the 30th division would be sent home about Jan. 20th. This is a mistake; a statement from Washington Tuesday said that neither of the Carolina divisions (30th and 81st) were scheduled to return in the near future. The 30th is at present at Ballou, France, and the 81st is at Mussy Sur Seine.

Mack M. Dunn and wife came home last Thursday to visit his relatives. They will return the 24th. Mr. Dunn has been in the navy six years, serving more recently on the battleship Wyoming, a 23,000-ton dreadnought. The Wyoming was a part of our North Sea fleet that kept the German navy bottled in; and returned to New York Christmas Day.

There were 63 "aces" in the American air fighting forces---to become an "ace" an aviator must have downed five or more enemy machines. The leader was Capt. Edward Rickenbacker, of Columbus, Ohio, who had 26 enemy machines to his credit. North Carolina had one "ace," Lt. Robert O. Lindsay, of Madison, who had six machines to his credit.

Lt. Victor Pegues received his honorable discharge from Camp Greene the 8th. He was stationed at Camp Pike for quite a while, and last fall was transferred to the tank camp at Raleigh, where he was promoted to first lieutenant. To all intents and purposes he is a Richmond county man, though his home is just across the State line.

In the fourth column on this page is an immensely important article in regard to the Government insurance for soldiers. Doubtless many soldiers will feel like dropping this cheap Government insurance, now that they are out of the army; but they shouldn't do this; they should by all means continue it. There has never been, nor will there ever again be, such cheap insurance, and every soldier ought to keep it up. Read the article.

American forces operating in Siberia number 7,522, while in Northern Russia we have 5,419.

Pharmacist-mate Willie M. Fowlkes and Miss Lula Rowe, of New Bern, were married at Norfolk Tuesday morning. Mr. Fowlkes is a son of Mrs. J. D. Cameron, and volunteered in the navy last summer; at the time he was a druggist in Charlotte. His friends back home will be glad to congratulate him upon joining the brotherhood of Benedict.

Lt. John Q. Baldwin, had he stayed in the army until next June, would have completed seven years of military service. He attended the Camp Taylor field artillery school last year, and came out with rank of second lieutenant. At the time of the Armistice he was at Camp Meade, Maryland. He received his honorable discharge in early December, and is now at work for Z. V. Pate, at Gibson.

## \$112,589.97 in Stamps.

The total amount of War Savings Stamps sold by the Rockingham postoffice up to Dec. 31st amounted to \$112,589.97.

## Legislative Committees.

Richmond county is properly recognized in the committee assignments of the House. Our Representative, W. N. Everett, is a member of the very important Appropriations committee, the equally as important Finance committee, the Education, the Health, Penal Institutions, Library, Insurance, Salaries & Fees committees. He is also chairman of the Internal Improvements committee.

## Postal Receipts Show Gain.

The postal receipts of a town are a good index to the business life of the town. Judging by this, the past year has been especially good to Rockingham.

The postal receipts of the Rockingham postoffice from Jan. 1st, 1918, to Jan. 1st, 1919, were \$14,879.05, this being a GAIN over the previous year of \$3700!

## Red Cross Members.

The names of the more than 950 members secured for the Rockingham Red Cross Chapter by the Christmas Roll Call Drive are given in this issue, beginning on page two.

If you joined during or since the Drive, and your name is not in the published list, please communicate the fact to Miss Georgia Biggs, the Secretary, and same will be corrected. Another list will be published later, so if you know of anyone who is not a member, urge them to join NOW. All that is needed is a heart and a dollar.

A glance at the list shows no report or names from the Hoffman Branch. This is due to the flu prevalence there; the Chapter feels certain this Branch will, as soon as the health conditions improve, secure the renewals of ALL the former members and a goodly number of entirely NEW members.

## Meeting Called Off.

The Colored Teachers' Meeting scheduled for Sat. Jan. 18th has been called off on account of influenza epidemic. Colored teachers of the County can secure the Reading Circle book, "Rapeer's Teaching the Elementary School Subjects," from me or from Alfred Williams, Raleigh; price \$1.00.

L. J. BELL.

## Marriage Licenses

Percy Staten and Nettie Blackwell, colored, issued 14th.  
John Jones and Amanda McRae, colored, issued 14th.

## FLU SITUATION

### Schools, Churches and Picture Snow Closed in Four Townships. Hundreds of Cases Throughout County.

The Richmond County Board of Health met Saturday night and passed an order closing the schools, churches, picture shows and forbidding indoor public gatherings in four townships of the county, viz: Rockingham, Black Jack, Mineral Springs and Steele's. The schools in Wolf Pit, Marks Creek and other townships are allowed for the present to continue. This order went into effect Monday, January 13th, and will remain in force until rescinded. The Rockingham school was closed last Monday but Mr. Bell and Miss Finlay are teaching the 11th, or graduating, grade right on; ten, 2 boys and 8 girls, are in this grade.

The Board met Monday to elect its two medical members. Under the law, the board consists of the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners (B. F. Reynolds), Mayor of the County-seat town (W. E. McNair), and Supt. of Education (L. J. Bell). These three members therefore met Monday and re-elected Dr. L. D. McPhail as one of its medical members, and Dr. W. C. Terry, of Hamlet, in place of Dr. W. L. Howell.

The Board urged each physician to have every case properly isolated in the home, and the case quarantined. Every inmate of a home is not quarantined, but just those who come in contact with the case. As a matter of fact, many people think this is not going far enough; that the Board should require every home in which a case appears to be rigidly quarantined, for four days after the last case appears in such home; and not merely quarantine the isolated person who may have the flu.

There is no way of estimating even the number of cases in the county. It is epidemic in practically every portion. Whereas last fall the lower part of the county had the worst visitation now the upper part seems the hardest hit.

Hamlet is again in the throes, scores of cases being there, and over 15 deaths, white and colored, since January 1st.

Rockingham has many cases, but none appear to be of the pneumonia type just now. The majority of the school teachers here have had it.

Pee Dee mill village number 2 appears to have the most cases of any of the mills. The company is having, assisted by the Red Cross, soups etc made daily for the sick, this nourishment being prepared in the domestic science room of the Rockingham school. Miss Mary Cliff Bennett, a dietetic expert, is assisting the Pee Dee teachers, and other helpers, in this. The company and Red Cross have several nurses in the village.

Mrs. R. S. Leak, in the absence in Raleigh of Mrs. W. N. Everett, has charge of the Nursing department of the Red Cross.

On the whole, the situation in the county is no worse than for the past two weeks, and in some sections even an improvement is shown. Either this latest epidemic is not as virulent, or the people take to their beds at the outset and yield to treatment; at any rate, the pneumonia cases following so many attacks of flu appear to be fewer than that which prevailed in the first epidemic in October and November.

## Insurance for Soldiers.

To the Soldiers and Sailors of America:

Approximately four million officers and men of the Army and Navy are now insured with the United States Government for a grand total of almost thirty-seven billion dollars.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to hold on to Uncle Sam's insurance. It is the strongest, safest, and cheapest life insurance ever written.

For your protection Uncle Sam has established the greatest life insurance company in the world—a company as mighty, as generous and as democratic as the United States Government itself. Just as Uncle Sam protected you and your loved ones during the war, so he stands ready to continue this protection through the days of readjustment and peace.

The privilege of continuing your Government insurance is a valuable right given to you as part of the compensation for your heroic and triumphant services. If you permit the insurance to lapse, you lose that right, and you will never be able to regain it. But if you keep up your present insurance—by the regular payment of premiums—you will be able to change it into a standard Government policy without medical examination. Meantime you can keep up your present insurance at substantially the same low rate. The Government will write ordinary life insurance, twenty-payment life, endowment maturing at age 62, and other usual forms of insurance. This will be Government insurance—at Government rates.

The United States Government—through the Bureau of War Risk Insurance of the Treasury Department—will safeguard you and your loved ones with the spirit and purpose of a Republic grateful to its gallant defenders. To avail yourself of this protection, you must keep up your present insurance. Carry back with you to civil life, as an aid and an asset, the continued insurance protection of the United States Government.

Hold on to Uncle Sam's Insurance.

W. G. McADOO,  
Secretary.

## Soldier's Insurance.

At the time of discharge of an officer or enlisted man who has taken out insurance, he receives a memorandum of information on which is stated the amount of his monthly insurance premium until July 1, 1919, and the amount of such premium for each year thereafter for five years.

If the insured, at the time of his discharge, has learned the date to which his premiums have been paid, he should, on the same date of each succeeding month, send his premium to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Treasury Department, Washington, making the check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the United States.

If the insured has not been informed as to the date to which his premiums have been paid by checkage from his pay, then he should without fail make his first payment not later than thirty-one days after his discharge, to comply with the regulation. In his letter he should ask to what date his premiums are paid by the inclosed payment, and upon receiving that information he should make his future payment each month thereafter on the date when it is due.

On receipt of the first premium payment and of each succeeding

premium payment the Bureau of War Risk Insurance will send to the insured a blank to use in making his next payment. If the blank is not received and no reply is received in response to the first payment, the insured should nevertheless make his next payment not later than one month later, again asking for the needed information.

In all communications the insured should give his full name, including both first and middle names, his grade and organization at the time of applying for insurance, his army serial number, the insurance certificate number, (if he knows it), the date of discharge or separation from the service, and his present address.

## Bales Cotton Ginned.

The number of bales of cotton ginned in Richmond county for the 1918 crop to January 1st was 14,153, as compared with 9,928 bales ginned to January 1st of the previous year.

## Two More Stills.

Sheriff McDonald and deputy Reynolds brought in two more blockade stills Sunday afternoon. Both were complete affairs, with two barrels of beer at each. One was half a mile from Jim Brower's place in Wolf Pit, being at the exact spot where they broke up a still last fall. The other one was 200 yards or so from Wheeler Jacobs', in Wolf Pit, and was not more than 50 yards from the spot where the officers broke up a still last fall, at which time the blockaders were given warning by the ringing of a bell, attached to a wire that was across a path, over which wire the officers fell.

## Modern Bank Equipment.

The Bank of Rockingham Wednesday installed a Burroughs Statement Ledger Posting and Bookkeeping machine. It is a marvel and seems uncanny, such is its almost human intelligence. It does the work of several men, and is quite an addition to this "Bank on the Square."

The Bank of Pee Dee also has one of these machines, having installed it some time ago.

## Soda Distribution.

The committee in charge of the soda distribution for Richmond county consists of H. S. Ledbetter, W. M. Covington and J. F. Diggs. This committee has centralized the work and duties upon H. D. Baldwin. Mr. Baldwin has placed application blanks in the hands of the following, from whom they can be secured; but these blanks must be filled out and returned to him not later than January 25th: Hinson Merc. Co., and C. T. Williams & Co., at Hamlet; W. M. Henderson and J. R. Bennett, at Ellerbe; D. A. Parson, at Covington; Clerk of Court and G. A. Seawell, Rockingham.

Futures up 55, spots down 25 today, spots closing at 28.85. Drop of 300 points since Thursday of last week.

## Notice.

To the Local Registrars of Vital Statistics for Richmond County:

Your attention is called to the PUBLIC LAWS NORTH CAROLINA, Session 1913, Chapter 109, Section 18, which is in substance as follows:

"The Local Registrars are required to deposit their Record Books with the Register of Deeds not later than January 15th, of each year," it is a misdemeanor to fail to comply with the above act.

This, the 8th day of January, 1919.

R. L. Johnson,  
Register of Deeds.

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## YULETIDE GREETINGS

### Of the ONLY SAVINGS BANK in the County Announcing the opening of their CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

Join now our Christmas Savings Club and have a nice sum ready for your shopping and other expenses next CHRISTMAS. Study the following table and see how small weekly savings grow into substantial ones.

#### 10c Club Payments

1st. week 10c 2nd. week 10c 3rd. week 10c.  
Deposit 10c each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$5.00.

#### 25c Club Payments

1st. week 25c 2nd. week 25c 3rd. week 25c.  
Deposit 25c each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$12.50.

#### 50c Club Payments

1st. week 50c 2nd. week 50c 3rd. week 50c.  
Deposit 50c each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$25.00.

#### \$1.00 Club Payments

1st. week \$1.00 2nd. week \$1.00 3rd. week \$1.00  
Deposit \$1.00 each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$50.00.

#### \$2.00 Club Payments

1st. week \$2.00 2nd. week \$2.00 3rd. week \$2.00  
Deposit \$2.00 each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$100.00.

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS you will receive all the Money you have saved with interest added if all payments are made regularly or in advance. Keep up the Christmas Spirit for the sake of the little folks. Keep it alive that the world will be better and brighter for everybody.

THE RICHMOND COUNTY SAVINGS BANK  
ROCKINGHAM, N. C.

This Bank is open until 5 p. m. each SATURDAY.